

Vernon Area Public Library

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GET A LIBRARY CARD

- **at the Checkout Desk:** Residents, bring a photo ID showing your current address; property owners, business owners, and temporary residents, see vapld.info/card for ID requirements.
- **online:** vapld.info/card



FIND LIBRARY MATERIALS

Find books, e-books, audiobooks, movies, music, video games, and other materials available for checkout or download at search.vapld.info. Log in with your library card number and PIN (usually the last four digits of your phone number) to place materials on hold.



ACCESS YOUR ACCOUNT

- **vapld.info/account:** log in with your library card number and PIN (usually the last four digits of your phone number)
- **in the Vernon Library app:** at vernon.boopsie.com or in the app store



BOOK A STUDY ROOM

- Study rooms accommodate 4–8 people.
- Reserve a room for up to 2 hours by calling the day before: 224-543-1485 (adult) or 224-543-1486 (youth).
- Vernon Area Public Library cardholders only.



PROGRAM NOTES

- Library classes, performances, and events are **free and open to all** unless otherwise indicated.
- **Hearing loop:** Audio enhancement available at most programs held in the Meeting Room.
- **ASL interpreter** can be arranged for any program; please give advance notice.
- **Photos and videos may be taken:** If you do not wish to be photographed, please notify staff.

Photo credits: *Laura Doherty*, by Jill Liebhaber. *Hot Fedoras*, Nostalgia Entertains photo. *Pittsburgh to Paris*, still from the documentary.

Charitable collections at the library



October & November: Hearing aids, eyeglasses, and keys

In cooperation with SWALCO, Lake County's Solid Waste Agency




Year-round: Personal hygiene products & non-perishable foods (including Halloween candy!)

Distributed by Vernon Township Food Pantry to neighbors in need

Look for drop-off bins in the lobby



Green Academy

Individual choices can make a difference to the environment but it's difficult to know where to begin. The library is here to help with programs for all ages—to inform, spark conversation, and provide actionable next steps. Green Academy events take place in late October and into November, around America Recycles Day on November 15. Look for this symbol  in the program listings, sign up, and begin reducing your footprint. Learn more at vapld.info/green.

Your more Earth-friendly library

Over the past year, library managers and staff have teamed up to reduce the carbon footprint of operations in cost-effective ways. These are some of the Earth-friendly improvements so far:

- installed LED exterior lighting, faucet aerators at sinks, motion-sensitive light switches
- added recycling bins
- eliminated plastic water bottles at library events
- installed remote book drop outside Sunset Foods in Long Grove to help patrons reduce driving
- recycling & composting K-cups from cafe, meeting room, and staff coffeemakers
- recycling foam cups (until current supply is depleted; new beverage cups will be paper)
- printing only what is needed
- using washable microfiber towels in staff kitchenettes, reducing paper towel use
- increasing staff use of reusable cups, mugs, and utensils
- using green products and equipment for cleaning and maintenance
- printing the library's quarterly newsletter on recycled paper (see back cover for impact)
- reducing number of printed signs in favor of in-library electronic messaging and email communications. To sign up for library e-news, go to vapld.info/subscribe.



Videos: rhymes from around the world

A new video series lets kids hear rhymes from the childhood traditions of their family — or perhaps that of a relative, friend, or neighbor — helping build connections with world heritage and local community.

Youth librarians worked with library families to produce “Rhymes from Around the World,” 38 brief storytime videos in a dozen languages including Mandarin, Hindi, and Spanish. The series calls attention to the universal nature of childhood rhymes while celebrating the delightful diversity of themes and language sounds found around the world.

Each video is a minute or less and shows a library patron or patrons fluent in the language of the traditional rhyme. An English translation appears in the text on the Vimeo page. Most languages, including Russian, Arabic, and Polish, feature in multiple videos.

Twelve illustrated rhyme cards, available at library storytimes, accompany the video series, with a new card distributed each month. The new video series is available free on the library’s Vimeo channel at vapld.info/worldkids.

New online home for readers

Find out what’s new, get book recommendations or a personalized reading list, and see what book discussions are happening, all at the fresh new site for book enthusiasts, vapld.info/readers. The library’s book geniuses are blogging here and posting release dates for hot new titles so you can place your holds. Don’t miss a thing: bookmark the page and visit often, or get email updates by selecting “Books & Authors” when you sign up at vapld.info/subscribe.

Learn a language; school not required

Mango Languages prepares learners for realistic conversations and strengthens everyday communication skills in more than 70 languages, including English instruction from 21 languages. Users love Mango, awarding it 4.8 out of 5 stars in Apple’s App Store. Or learn online. It’s a fun-infused way to pick up a new language and it’s free with your Vernon Area Library card. Visit vapld.info/mango.

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Baby Rhyme Storytime • 0–14 months

Miss Kelsey guides you and your baby through research-based activities and books that promote reading readiness. Best for infants, crawlers, and beginning walkers. **DROP IN**
WEDNESDAYS, 9:30–10 AM OR 11–11:30 AM
SEPTEMBER 4, 11, 25, OCTOBER 2, 9, 23, NOVEMBER 6, 13, 27

New Parents & Babies Playgroup • 0–14 months

Meet other caregivers in this casual playdate between Baby Rhyme Storytimes. Swap stories and find support while tots play and socialize. **DROP IN**
WEDNESDAYS, 10–11 AM
SEPTEMBER 4, 11, 25, OCTOBER 2, 9, 23, NOVEMBER 6, 13, 27

Wiggling Ones • 12–24 months

Giggle, sing, and jam along with your toddler in this music- and movement-centered program led by Miss Heather. Best for walkers and early runners; be prepared to move! **TICKET**
TUESDAYS, 9:30–10 AM OR 10:30–11 AM
SEPTEMBER 3, 10, 17, OCTOBER 8, 15, 22, NOVEMBER 12, 19

Together 2s & 3s • 2–3 years

Share stories and learn sign language with Miss Sarah. Activities and books centered on a letter of the day help develop letter recognition. **TICKET**
MONDAYS, 9:30–10 AM OR 10:30–11 AM
SEPTEMBER 9, 16, 23, OCTOBER 7, 14, 21, NOVEMBER 11, 18, 25

Preschool Storytime • 3–5 years

Children attend independently to help them get ready for school while the accompanying adult remains in the library. Adults join at the end to sing the song of the day. **DROP IN**
THURSDAYS, 10–10:30 AM OR 1:30–2 PM
SEPTEMBER 5, 12, 19, OCTOBER 3, 10, 17, NOVEMBER 7, 14, 21

Science Detectives • 3–6 years

Young children explore the world around them through hands-on activities inspired by storybooks. **REGISTER**
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 6:30–7 PM

Family Concert: Laura Doherty • all ages

Parents' Choice Gold Award winner and former director of the early childhood music program at Old Town School of Folk Music performs old favorites and songs from her 2018 album, *High Five*. **REGISTER**
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 11 AM–12 PM

Tuck-Me-In Tales • 0–6 years

Dress in pajamas and wind down from the day with books, songs, and rhymes. **DROP IN**
TUESDAYS, 6:30–7 PM
SEPTEMBER 10, OCTOBER 8, NOVEMBER 5

Baby Art Playground • 0–14 months

Simple crafts for babies and their grown-ups. All materials provided. **REGISTER**

DIY Touch-and-Feel Board Book

Create your own interactive version of *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?* by Bill Martin, Jr.
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 9:30–10:15 AM OR 11–11:45 AM

Footprint Pumpkins

Paint and stamp those precious toes onto canvas to create a keepsake to take home. Dress for a mess!
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 9:30–10:15 AM OR 11–11:45 AM

Natural Taste-Safe Finger Paint Play

Allow baby to explore the texture and beauty of paints with food-based* colors—no toxins or additives. Dress for a mess! (*Allergy alert: paints based on almond milk, flour, beets, turmeric, and spinach.)
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 9:30–10:15 AM OR 11–11:45 AM

Under Five Family Time • 0–5 years

After a busy week, spend quality time together enjoying stories, rhymes, music, and themed crafts perfect for the pre-K crowd. **TICKET**
SATURDAYS, 10:30–11:15 AM
SEPTEMBER 14, OCTOBER 5, NOVEMBER 30

FAMILY CONCERT: LAURA DOHERTY – SEPTEMBER 7



EARLY LEARNING • AGES 0–PRE-K

A Taste of Storytime • 0–5 years

Learn how early learning activities set the stage for your child's success. The whole family is invited to this sampler of weekday storytimes at the library, plus donuts and coffee. **TICKET**

SATURDAYS, 10–10:30 AM

SEPTEMBER 21, OCTOBER 19, NOVEMBER 16

Kids Do Art! • 1–3 years

Art starts young with easy-to-create, educational crafts. All materials provided. **DROP IN**

Pom-Pom Power

Explore how colors mix by creating a rainbow jar and a pom-pom drop.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 9:30–11 AM

LIBRARY ANNEX, 4 INDIAN CREEK RD., LINCOLNSHIRE

Stained Glass Suncatchers

Create a decoration that becomes vibrantly colored when the sun shines through.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 9:30–11 AM

Roll 'em Movement Dice

With scissors and glue, a simple box becomes a special dice that encourages your child to move.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 9:30–11 AM

Kindergarten Readiness • 4–5 years

Give your child their strongest start by making sure they know teacher-recommended skills. Cover a different skill each session, with plenty of time to practice. **REGISTER**

THURSDAYS, 4:30–5 PM

SEPTEMBER 26, OCTOBER 24, NOVEMBER 21

Starry Night Storytime • 0–6 years

Bring your little star to an evening storytime sure to get out those last few wiggles. **DROP IN**

THURSDAYS, 6–6:30 PM

SEPTEMBER 26, OCTOBER 24, NOVEMBER 21

Drag Queen Storytime • ages 2–8

Celebrate diversity and self-expression in this family-friendly event featuring glamorous guest storytellers. Cosponsored by the Pinta Pride Project. **REGISTER**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 11 AM–12 PM

Sunshine Squad • 0–5 years

Help build a better, more compassionate world. This diversity-focused storytime and craft foster social-emotional awareness. **TICKET**

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 9:30–10:15 AM OR 10:30–11:15 AM

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 10–11 AM—SPOOKY EDITION!

Oaks & Acorns Intergenerational Storytime • 0–4 years

This off-site storytime brings together your adorable kids and the seniors from the assisted living center to brighten everyone's day. **REGISTER**

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 10–11 AM

SUNRISE, 180 W. HALF DAY RD., BUFFALO GROVE

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 10–11 AM

ARBORIA, 2300 IL HWY. 53, LONG GROVE

Mini Math Magicians • 3–5 years

Explore math concepts through books, games, and a craft. **REGISTER**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 10–10:30 AM

Family Concert: Wendy & DB • all ages

This talented duo performs crowd favorites and songs from their new album, *HomeEarth*, hailed as “pure fun” by Parents’ Choice. **REGISTER**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 11 AM–12 PM

Trick-or-Reading • 0–3 years

Bring your tot in costume for a boo-tastic storytime followed by a trick-or-treating parade in the library. **REGISTER**

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 9:30–10:15 AM OR 10:30–11:15 AM

Let's Learn Spanish! • 0–6 years

Get to know the language and cultures of Spanish-speaking countries in an all-ages, all-levels storytime with books, music, and movement. **REGISTER**

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 10–10:45 AM

Mini Comic Con • all ages

See p. 10 or minicomiccon.vapld.info.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 10 AM–3 PM

TICKET: Get free tickets at the library on the day of the event. First-come, first-served.

REGISTER: Sign up at calendar.vapld.info or call 224-543-1486 starting 30 days before the program.

DROP IN: No ticket or registration required.

ALL PROGRAMS: Children must be accompanied by an adult. Siblings welcome. (Exception: Preschool Storytime.)



ALL ABOUT OWLS – OCTOBER 10

Exploring Great Artists: van Gogh • grades K–5

Learn about the life and work of Dutch artist Vincent van Gogh, then create artwork inspired by his painting *The Starry Night*.

REGISTER

GRADES K–2 WITH AN ADULT: THURS., SEPT. 5, 4:30–5:30 PM

GRADES 3–5: THURS., SEPT. 5, 7–8 PM

Family Concert: Laura Doherty • all ages with an adult

The Parents' Choice Gold Award winner performs old favorites and songs from her 2018 album, *High Five*. REGISTER

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 11 AM–12 PM

Write Away • grades 3–4

Games and story starters launch your writing to new heights.

Grade 5 students join a later session; see p. 9. REGISTER

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 4:30–5:30 PM

Maker Monday: Wax-Resist Watercolors • grades K–5

Learn a new technique to create a textured work of art using crayons and watercolors. REGISTER

GRADES K–2: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 4:30–5:30 PM

GRADES 3–5: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 6–7:30 PM

My First Robot • grades K–2 with an adult

Learn basic programming concepts to make KIBO robots light up, make noise, and move. REGISTER

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 4:30–5:30 PM OR 7–8 PM

Maker Monday: 3D Design with Tinkercad • grades 3–5

Get an intro to Tinkercad and practice 3D design and coding with Stevenson High School's Girls in STEAM. REGISTER

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 6–8 PM

Drag Queen Storytime • ages 2–8

Celebrate diversity and self-expression in this family-friendly event featuring glamorous guest storytellers. Cosponsored by the Pinta Pride Project. REGISTER

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 11 AM–12 PM

Lego Robotics • grades K–5

Build and program interactive models using the Lego Education WeDo software. REGISTER

GRADES K–2 WITH AN ADULT: TUES., OCT. 1, 4:30–5:30 PM

GRADES 3–5: TUES., OCT. 1, 7–8 PM

Chinese Calligraphy & Culture • grades K–5

Explore Chinese culture through calligraphy and traditional stories. Presented in partnership with Stevenson High School's National Chinese Honor Society. REGISTER

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 6–7:30 PM

Improv Workshop • grades 3–5

Get an introduction to improvisational performance from members of Stevenson High School's student improv troupe.

No experience necessary. REGISTER

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 4:30–5:30 PM

All About Owls • grades K–5 with an adult

Meet birds of prey from Stillman Nature Center and learn about these amazing raptors. REGISTER

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 7–8 PM

Family Concert: Wendy & DB • all ages with an adult

This talented duo performs crowd favorites and songs from *HomeEarth*, called "pure fun" by Parents' Choice. REGISTER

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 11 AM–12 PM

Disgusting Science • grades K–5

Gross experiments, new discoveries. Dress for a mess! REGISTER

GRADES K–2 WITH AN ADULT: TUES., OCT. 15, 4:30–5:15 PM

GRADES 3–5: TUES., OCT. 15, 7–7:45 PM

K-9 Reading Buddies • grades 1–5

A trained therapy dog listens patiently while your grade school student reads aloud, helping build confidence and encourage reading. REGISTER for a 15-min. appointment beginning 30 days before the program: call 224-543-1486 or visit the Youth Desk.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 6:15–7:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 6:15–7:30 PM

Billy Goats Gruff STEM Challenge • grades K–2 with an adult

The billy goats conquered the troll by mastering a bridge; can you do it, too? Learn all about bridges in this engineering-focused program. REGISTER

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 6:30–7:15 PM

Green Academy—Improv Playhouse, Ranger Tales grades K–5 with an adult

Learn how important parks are to the health of our planet: improv players present humorous stories about the Great Smoky Mountains, Yellowstone, and the Everglades. REGISTER
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 11 AM–12 PM

Minecraft Mania • grades K–5

Work with other kids to build structures and strategize to defeat zombies, spiders, and skeletons. REGISTER
GRADES K–2 WITH AN ADULT: WED., NOV. 6, 4:30–5:15 PM
OR 6–6:45 PM
GRADES 3–5: THURS., NOV. 7, 6–7:30 PM

Mini Comic Con • all ages

See p. 10 or minicomiccon.vapld.info.
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 10 AM–3 PM

Green Academy—Upcycled Art, Thanksgiving Edition grades K–5 with an adult

Give new life to recycled materials by creating themed projects or your own design. Supplies and tools provided, or bring your own. REGISTER
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 3–4:30 PM

Kids' Nonfiction Book Discussion • grades 3–5 with an adult

Learn about the plight of bees and how to give nature a boost in a discussion of *The Hive Detectives: Chronicle of a Honey Bee Catastrophe* by Loree Griffin Burns. A copy of the book (yours to keep) is reserved when you REGISTER.
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 7–8 PM

Green Academy—Sustainable Farming • grades K–5

Learn about resource conservation and green farming practices from the experts from Bonner Heritage Farm, a homestead founded in 1842, which today serves as a teaching facility of the Lake County Forest Preserves. REGISTER
GRADES K–2 WITH AN ADULT: THURS., NOV. 14 4:30–5:15 PM
GRADES 3–5: THURS., NOV. 14, 6–6:45 PM

Green Academy—Recycling Bingo grades K–2 with an adult

Learn what can be recycled and how to do it. REGISTER
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 6:30–7:15 PM

Lego Architects • grades K–5

Work through a challenge, then let your imagination run wild during free building time. REGISTER
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 4:30–5:30 PM OR 7–8 PM

Chess Challenge Meetup • grades 2–8

Play a game or two to test your knowledge and sharpen your skills. REGISTER
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 4:30–5:45 PM

For Parents

Be SMART Gun Safety Presentation

Learn to prevent a child from gaining unintended access to firearms and to navigate gun safety conversations with your children and other parents. Panel discussion with Buffalo Grove and Lincolnshire police follows. REGISTER
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 7–8 PM

LIKE Screening & Discussion

This acclaimed documentary (50 min.) explores the impact of social media on our lives and the effects of technology on our brains. A panel discussion led by social media and mental health experts follows. Cosponsored by Community Parent Network. REGISTER: communityparentnetwork.org.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 7–9 PM
STEVENSON HIGH SCHOOL WEST AUDITORIUM
1 STEVENSON DRIVE, LINCOLNSHIRE

Cultivating Empathy with Dr. Michele Borba

Studies show that kids with greater empathy perform better academically, have greater resilience, don't cheat, and don't bully. Borba's highly praised book, *UnSelfie: Why Empathetic Kids Succeed in Our All-About-Me World*, outlines a practical nine-step empathy-building program with tips from birth through college.

The Keys to Your Young Child's Success in an All-About-Me World

For parents and educators of pre-K through grade 5. Book sale and signing follow. REGISTER
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 9:30 AM–11 AM

The Keys to Your Teenager's Success in an All-About-Me World

For parents and educators of kids in grades 6–12. Book sale and signing follow. Cosponsored by the Community Parent Network. REGISTER: communityparentnetwork.org.
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 7–8:30 PM
STEVENSON HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
1 STEVENSON DRIVE, LINCOLNSHIRE

Green Academy—Detox Your Home

Learn a variety of methods for cleaning without harsh chemicals and make two Earth-friendly products to take home. Children welcome; toys provided. REGISTER
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 10–11 AM

TEENS • GRADES 6–12

Register at calendar.vapld.info, 224-543-1486, or at the library.
Registration opens 30 days before each program.



IMPROV WORKSHOP – OCTOBER 7

Find programs for parents on p. 8.

Stress Management for High Schoolers • grades 9–12

Learn to cope with pressure: nurse practitioner and yoga instructor Lauren Dowd provides practical tips. **REGISTER**
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 7–8:30 PM

Write Away • grades 5–8

Stretch your imagination and polish your writing in this creative workshop. Games and story starters launch your writing to new heights. **REGISTER**
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 7–8 PM

ACT/SAT Practice Exam • grades 8–12

Prepare for test day by taking a free practice exam and receive a detailed score analysis within 10 days. Presented in partnership with Huntington Learning Center of Buffalo Grove. Specify ACT or SAT when you **REGISTER**.
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 10 AM–1:30 PM
OR SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 10 AM–1:30 PM

Games for Grown-ups • teens & adults

Bring your own game, borrow one from the library, or jump in on a pickup game of chess. **DROP IN** anytime during hours.
SUNDAYS, 12:30–4 PM
SEPTEMBER 15, OCTOBER 6, 20, NOVEMBER 10

Off the Page: A Teen Book Club • grades 8–12

Add your voice to the banter while enjoying frozen custard—the library's treat! A copy of the book (yours to keep) is reserved when you **REGISTER**. Note new location!

MONDAYS, 7–8:15 PM
CULVER'S, 405 MILWAUKEE AVE., LINCOLNSHIRE

SEPTEMBER 16: *Dreamland Burning* by Jennifer Latham

NOVEMBER 18: *Dry* by Neal Shusterman

Improv Workshop • grades 6–12

Learn tips and techniques for improvisational performance from members of Stevenson High School's student improv troupe. No experience necessary. **REGISTER**
MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 6–7 PM

littleBits Basics • grades 6–8

Find out how littleBits pieces fit together to make a circuit, then test what you build. **REGISTER**
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 7–8:15 PM

Junior High Book Discussion • grades 6–8

Nyxia by Scott Reintgen. Why the Babel Corporation recruited Emmett Atwater is a mystery, but the number of zeroes on their contract has him boarding their lightship and hoping to return to Earth with enough money to take care of his family. A copy of the book (yours to keep) is reserved when you **REGISTER**.
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 7–8 PM

DIY Fandom Jar • grades 6–12

Use the Cameo cutter and a mason jar to create a glowing lantern that features characters from your favorite fandom (Harry Potter, Hamilton, Beauty and the Beast, etc.). No experience necessary; all materials provided. **REGISTER**
MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 7–8:30 PM

Green Academy—

Paris to Pittsburgh Screening & Discussion • grades 9 & up

This National Geographic film (77 min.) explores how Americans from coastal cities to the heartland are demanding and developing solutions in the face of climate change. Discussion follows. **REGISTER**
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1–2:30 PM

Mini Comic Con • all ages

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ALL AGES • FREE ADMISSION COSTUMES ENCOURAGED

Face painting • Crafts • Workshops
Super Smash Bros. Tournament
Artist Alley • Photo Booth
Superhero Storytime

For more information or to sign up
in advance to secure your free gift,
visit minicomiccon.vapld.info.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 10AM-3PM

ADULTS • AGES 18 & UP

Find programs for parents on p. 8.

ELL Conversation Group

Practice English conversation skills with other non-native English speakers. Guided discussion covers a variety of topics including American culture and idioms. **REGISTER**

TUESDAYS, 9:30–11:30 AM

SEPTEMBER 3, 17, OCTOBER 1, 15, 29, NOVEMBER 12

Movies

Popular and classic films and documentaries, shown with closed captions. More info at vapld.info/movies. **REGISTER**

FRIDAYS, 2 PM

SEPTEMBER 6: *Captain Marvel* (PG-13)

OCTOBER 4: *Dumbo* (PG)

NOVEMBER 1: *Amazing Grace* (G)

SATURDAYS, 2 PM

SEPTEMBER 28: *The Mustang* (R)

OCTOBER 26: *Sunset Boulevard* (NR, 1950)

NOVEMBER 16: *The Public* (PG-13)

Book Discussions with Judy Levin

Thought-provoking, diverse reads beyond the best sellers. More info at vapld.info/readers. Copies available to Vernon Area Public Library cardholders, at the Adult Desk. **REGISTER**

SECOND THURSDAY OF THE MONTH, 10–11:30 AM

SEPTEMBER 12: *The Great Believers* by Rebecca Makkai

OCTOBER 10: *The Family Tabor* by Cherise Wolas

NOVEMBER 14: *The Heart's Invisible Furies* by John Boyne

Writer's Support Group

Share work, meet fellow writers, get constructive feedback, and discuss the publishing business in this informal group. **REGISTER** on Meetup: vapld.info/writers.

SECOND THURSDAY OF THE MONTH, 6:30–8:30 PM

SEPTEMBER 12, OCTOBER 10, NOVEMBER 14

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SUNDAYS, 12:30–4 PM

SEPTEMBER 15, OCTOBER 6, 20, NOVEMBER 10

Lunch & Learn—Portrait of Shakespeare

Peter Garino, artistic director of the Shakespeare Project of Chicago, discusses the life and work of the Bard of Avon, widely considered the greatest English-language writer of all time. Bring your lunch starting at noon; coffee and dessert provided. **REGISTER**

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 12:30–1:30 PM



Must-Read Nonfiction Book Discussion

Real-life reads that are engaging, informative, and important. Copies available to Vernon Area Public Library cardholders beginning four weeks before discussion, at the Adult Desk. Registration recommended on Meetup: vapld.info/nonfiction.

THIRD MONDAY OF THE MONTH, 7–8 PM

SEPTEMBER 16: *Marcel's Letters: A Font and the Search for One Man's Fate* by Carolyn Porter

OCTOBER 21: *The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America* by Richard Rothstein

NOVEMBER 18: *The Death and Life of the Great Lakes* by Dan Egan

Understand Your Medicare Options

Make the right choice about your Medicare coverage. Benefits adviser Mike Altman reviews how the program works and explains options available to those turning 65 and those already covered. REGISTER

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1–2 PM

Thirsty Thursdays: Books on Tap • ages 21–39

If you're in your 20s or 30s, meet for a book discussion with excellent people over adult beverages and delicious food. Find reading selections and REGISTER on Meetup: vapld.info/ttbot.

THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH, 6–8:30 PM

SEPTEMBER 19, OCTOBER 17, NOVEMBER 21

THE CHATTERBOX, 330 OLD MCHENRY RD., LONG GROVE

Wildflower World Tour

Travel the globe through its native flora. Glenn Adelson, Environmental Studies director at Lake Forest College, spent a year-long sabbatical documenting and photographing the Earth's tremendous variety of wildflowers. Event is held in collaboration with the College of Lake County Library and the NEA Big Read selection, *Lab Girl* by Hope Jahren. REGISTER

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 19, 7–8 PM

TEDxVernonAreaLibrary: Reboot

Hear ideas worth spreading: four local speakers address topics important here and now. Plus, view a selection of prerecorded TED videos—short, powerful talks from speakers from around the world. Details at tedx.vapld.info. REGISTER

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 12:30–3 PM

Law at the Library: Power of Attorney

Set up power of attorney, authorizing someone to act on your behalf in personal matters. North Suburban Legal Aid staff provide confidential assistance. Person granting authorization may attend with or without person receiving authorization. Notary services available. REGISTER

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 12:30–1:30 PM OR 1:30–3 PM



TEDxVernonAreaLibrary: REBOOT – SEPTEMBER 22

Novel Night Book Discussion

Captivating novels you might have missed. More info at vapld.info/readers. Copies available for extended checkout, at the Adult Desk. REGISTER

LAST TUESDAY, EVERY OTHER MONTH, 7–8 PM

SEPTEMBER 24: *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson

NOVEMBER 26: *The Book of Essie* by Meghan MacLean Weir

Prepare Your Home to Sell

Make a great first impression on buyers. A Chicagoland home-staging pro explains how to declutter, update, and use proven techniques to present your home at its best. REGISTER

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 7–8 PM

Senior Series—Jane Addams, Democracy in America

Actress Betsey Means portrays Nobel Peace Prize winner and modern social work pioneer Jane Addams, founder of Chicago's Hull House. REGISTER

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1–2 PM

Death & Chocolate, Food for Thoughtful Living

Life's most difficult conversations can be daunting; chocolate makes them easier. This interactive program is a springboard to the end-of-life conversations and planning that adults of any age should have before crisis strikes. A health advocate, social worker, and professional trustee lead a discussion to make you think about how you'll live your best life. Chocolate provided!

REGISTER

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 7–8:30 PM



THE HOT FEDORAS – OCTOBER 15

Green Academy—

Impact Investing, Aligning Your Wealth with Purpose

Join investors around the world who are unleashing the power of capital for good. A wealth management adviser provides strategies for finding funds that put the planet and its people first. [REGISTER](#)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1–2 PM

The Shakespeare Project of Chicago presents *Hamlet*

The professional players of the Shakespeare Project of Chicago present a full, theatrical reading of one of the playwright's most famous tragedies. Get the full experience: attend the pre-show introduction at 6:15 PM. [REGISTER](#)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 6:30–9 PM

Senior Series—The Hot Fedoras

Specializing in music from the 1920s and '30s, the five-piece band plays classic renditions of jazz tunes, bringing the era of gangsters and flappers to life. Cosponsored by the Buffalo Grove Park District. [REGISTER](#)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1–2 PM

Active Shooter Response

Learn to respond with confidence in an active shooter event. A Buffalo Grove police officer explains how to recognize threats before they occur, how to react to save your life, and what to expect when emergency personnel arrive on the scene.

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 7–8 PM

Lunch & Learn—

Preview of Andy Warhol, "From A to B and Back Again"

The Art Institute of Chicago's major Warhol retrospective (Oct. 20–Jan. 26) offers a new view of the iconic American pop artist. Art scholar Lauren Deland gives a preview of the highly anticipated exhibit. Bring your lunch starting at noon; coffee and dessert provided. [REGISTER](#)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 12:30–1:30 PM

Author Visit: Bryan Smith, *The Breakaway*

Hear from the award-winning sports writer who dug into the details to tell the inside story of the Wirtz family empire and the Chicago Blackhawks' remarkable rise from "worst to first." Books available for purchase and signing, courtesy of The Book Celler (Chicago). [REGISTER](#)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 7–8 PM

Art Workshop: Mixed Media Project

Express your creativity; art instructor Michelle Helm explains how. Choose from techniques such as stamping, acrylic paints, and paper/decoupage to create an 8" x 10" canvas. No experience necessary; all materials provided. [REGISTER](#)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1–3 PM

Green Academy—Power Your Home with Solar Energy

Find out how to tap into solar energy, even if your home is heavily shaded. A regional expert explains how solar energy works in our area and discusses its benefits, challenges, costs, and savings. [REGISTER](#)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 7–8 PM

Green Academy—

Paris to Pittsburgh Screening & Discussion

This National Geographic film (77 min.) explores how Americans from coastal cities to the heartland are demanding and developing solutions in the face of climate change.

Discussion follows. [REGISTER](#)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1–2:30 PM

Green Academy—Meatless Mondays

The single biggest way to reduce your environmental impact? Avoid meat and dairy products. Eating more plant-based foods is also good for your health. Chef Susan Maddox demonstrates delicious recipes. [REGISTER](#)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 7–8:30 PM

Mini Comic Con • all ages

See p. 10 or minicomiccon.vapld.info.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 10 AM–3 PM

Green Academy—Upcycled Art, Thanksgiving Edition teens & adults

Give new life to recycled materials by creating themed projects or your own design. Supplies and tools provided, or bring your own! **REGISTER**

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 7–8:30 PM

Senior Series—Gypsy Jazz & More

Grammy-nominated accordionist Don Stille and acclaimed violinist Daniela Bisenius showcase their virtuoso skills in a performance of high-energy gypsy jazz, swing, and American songbook standards. **REGISTER**

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1–2 PM

Snacks & Facts Trivia Night • ages 21+

Test your knowledge of world trivia with a fun-filled quiz night. Sign up individually or in teams up to four. Refreshments served; prizes awarded. **REGISTER**

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 7–8:30 PM

Lunch & Learn—

Ernest Withers's Photographs of the Civil Rights Era

Photo historian Richard Cahan explores the work of Withers, a freelance photojournalist who captured 60 years of cultural history, creating a stunning visual record of the era. Bring your lunch starting at noon; coffee and dessert provided. **REGISTER**

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 12:30–1:30 PM

PARIS TO PITTSBURGH – NOVEMBER 3



Business & Career Development

SCORE One-on-One Business Mentoring

Get free expert advice to launch your business or to help your small business grow: Meet with an experienced mentor every month, on the second Thursday. Book a 1-hour appointment: vapld.info/score.

THURSDAYS, 9 AM–12 PM

SEPTEMBER 12, OCTOBER 10, NOVEMBER 14

Job Search 101

Landing the right job can be challenging. Learn the basics of today's effective job hunt including electronic resumes, networking, social media, and interview skills. **REGISTER**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 9:30–11 AM

Running a Small Business in Lake County

Whether you're starting a new business or positioning your company for growth, the Small Business Development Center can help. Get specifics on starting up in Illinois and learn the factors that contribute to success. **REGISTER**

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 6:30–8 PM

Crafting a Great Resume

Create a resume that gets results. A certified advanced resume writer from the Job Center of Lake County leads an interactive workshop including sample resume evaluation. **REGISTER**

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 9:30–11:30 AM

QuickBooks for Beginners

Find out if Intuit's bookkeeping software is right for you. A business technology specialist explains how to get the most out of a QuickBooks subscription. **REGISTER**

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 6:30–7:30 PM

Communicating with Intent: Your Words, Your Outcomes

Using the right words and tone give you control of your story, whether you're seeking a promotion or a coveted assignment. Learn to clearly articulate yourself. Bring a brown bag lunch; dessert provided. **REGISTER**

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 12–1 PM

The Brand Called "You"

Everyone has a personal brand; learn to manage and maximize yours. From curating your social media presence to editing your visual story, effectively use tools that communicate who you are. **REGISTER**

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 9:30–11:30 AM



Computers & Technology

Special Topics

Silhouette Cameo

The Cameo is a programmable machine that precision-cuts a variety of materials.

Team Spirit

Create a vinyl sticker for your tumbler. All materials provided. [REGISTER](#)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 10:30 AM–12 PM

Glass Etching

Step-by-step guidance to personalize a glass object. Bring a glass vase, cup, bowl, or platter to etch. [REGISTER](#)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 6:30–8:30 PM

Tea Towel

Create your own decal to decorate a tea towel. All materials provided. [REGISTER](#)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 6:30–8:30 PM

Intro to Python

Learn, practice, and experiment with the basics of Python, a general-purpose programming language, in this two-part class. Prerequisite: intermediate computer skills. No coding experience needed. [REGISTER](#)

MONDAYS, SEPTEMBER 30 & OCTOBER 7, 7–8:30 PM

Cut the Cable

Say goodbye to your cable bill: Learn about Roku, Chromecast, Apple TV, and other devices that work with your existing TV and internet connection to stream television and movie services.

[REGISTER](#)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 10:30 AM–12 PM

Multimedia

Library Media Lab: Digitize Your Photos & Videos

Convert photos, slides, negatives, VHS, or DVDs to digital formats for preservation and organization. [REGISTER](#)

WEDNESDAYS, 10–11:30 AM

SEPTEMBER 4, 25, OCTOBER 9, NOVEMBER 6, 20

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 7–8:30 PM

Photo Editing with GIMP I

Learn the basics of photo editing with GIMP, a free alternative to Photoshop. [REGISTER](#)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 7–8:30 PM

Photo Editing with GIMP II

Advanced photo-editing techniques. Prerequisite: GIMP I or commensurate experience. [REGISTER](#)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 7–8:30 PM

GIMP Open Lab

Practice photo editing, ask questions, and share skills.

Prerequisite: GIMP I or commensurate experience. [REGISTER](#)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 7–8:30 PM

Intro to 3D Printing

Create a small object using a ready-to-print file or custom Tinkercad file and the 3D printers at the library. Prerequisites: basic computer skills, Vernon Area Library card. [REGISTER](#)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 7–8:30 PM

3D Printing Next Steps

Learn to use Tinkercad and other tools for creating custom designs for 3D printing. Prerequisites: intermediate computer and mouse skills, Vernon Area Library card. [REGISTER](#)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 7–8:30 PM

Computers & Coffee

Enjoy a cup of coffee and instruction followed by hands-on practice with the help of a technology volunteer. The pace is relaxed, with plenty of time for your technology questions.

[REGISTER](#)

MONDAYS, 11 AM–12 PM

SEPTEMBER 9: Travel Apps

OCTOBER 14: Library Resources for Personal Finance

NOVEMBER 11: Food and Drink Apps

Microsoft

All Word, Excel, and PowerPoint classes are taught with Microsoft 2016

Windows 10

Navigate the desktop, start menu, Cortana virtual assistant, Edge web browser, and personalize your experience. **REGISTER**
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 7–8:30 PM

Intermediate Windows 10

Create a desktop icon, adjust settings, and install/uninstall programs. Prerequisite: Windows 10. **REGISTER**
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 7–8:30 PM

Outlook.com

Set up a free Outlook email account and learn to send, receive, and organize messages; insert and open attachments; and create a contact list. Prerequisite: internet experience. **REGISTER**
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 7–8:30 PM

Word Basics

Learn to create, save, and format documents. Prerequisites: mouse and keyboard experience. **REGISTER**
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 7–8:30 PM

Word: Working with Objects

Investigate clip art, picture and text formatting, charts, and other handy tools. Prerequisite: Word Basics. **REGISTER**
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 7–8:30 PM

Word Document Formatting

Find out how to create a variety of documents. Prerequisite: Word Basics or commensurate experience. **REGISTER**
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 7–8:30 PM

Word Advanced Topics

Explore mail merge, collaboration tools, and style options. Prerequisite: Word Basics, Excel Basics, or commensurate experience. **REGISTER**
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 7–8:30 PM

Excel Basics

Everything you need to know to create and use spreadsheets. Prerequisite: Word Basics or commensurate experience. **REGISTER**
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 7–8:30 PM

Excel Formulas & Functions

Learn to use Excel formulas, answer questions with logical functions, and explore the differences between relative and absolute references. Prerequisite: Excel Basics. **REGISTER**
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 7–8:30 PM

Excel Charts & Graphs

Add visual interest and tell stories by displaying numbers and data sets in chart or graph format. Prerequisite: Excel Basics. **REGISTER**
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 7–8:30 PM

Excel Pivot Tables

Get instruction and practice with the pivot table, a powerful tool that organizes large amounts of data in a spreadsheet or database to obtain a report. Prerequisite: Excel Basics, Excel Tables, or commensurate experience. **REGISTER**
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 7–8:30 PM

Excel VLOOKUP

Demystify the VLOOKUP function to compare two lists. Prerequisites: Excel Basics, Excel Tables, or commensurate experience. **REGISTER**
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 7–8:30 PM

Excel Macros

Learn to use macros, powerful tools that allow you to automate repeated tasks. Prerequisites: Excel Basics, Excel Tables, or commensurate experience. **REGISTER**
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 7–8:30 PM

PowerPoint, Ready to Go

Get all the tools you need to create a basic presentation: adding content, basic animations, transitions, and presentation options. Prerequisite: Word Basics or commensurate experience. **REGISTER**
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 7–8:30 PM

PowerPoint Next Steps

Add animations, transitions, and multimedia to your presentation. Prerequisite: PowerPoint Ready to Go. **REGISTER**
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 7–8:30 PM

One-on-One Tech Help

Book a 45-minute appointment with a librarian to get personal technology help—with the library website, catalog, or premium resources; downloading e-books, audiobooks, magazines, movies, or music; computer software; or the Media Lab. A reservation and current Vernon Area Public Library card are required. To request an appointment (up to two per month), call 224-543-1485 or fill out the form at vapld.info/techhelp.

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Sunday	12–5 PM

Closings

September 1–2	Labor Day
September 20	Closed until 1 PM
November 27	Closing at 5 PM
November 28	Thanksgiving

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